Malt 2020-21

What is Malt?

MAlt is Middlebury's alternative break program. Each year, students design and plan six trips during February Break (national and international destinations) and one Vermont-based trip during Fall and Spring Breaks.

The goal of the trips is to

- engage Middlebury students with communities across the nation and the globe
- provide service where service is needed,
- learn about the systems that shape community realities around the world.

Plan For This MAlt This Year

Malt will be going virtual this year!

When?

3 Projects will have different time range from J-Term to early February. Please check each trip for this information!

Where?

All project, as well as all the activities will be conducted remotely through Zoom.

Tina and Sam

Environmental Conservation Amid the Pandemic

Description

This trip aims to explore the impacts of COVID-19 on environmental conservation efforts across the US.

When and where

This trip will take place during J-Term of 2021. Presentations and workshops will be conducted remotely.

Activities

- Invite guest speakers from different environmental nonprofits and NGOs across the U.S., eg. California Native Plant Society
- Participate in workshops and potential projects with partner organizations

Alex and Olivia

Immigration and Education Advocacy in the US

Description

This trip will focus on immigration issues in the US. We plan to learn about and work with mostly Central and South American immigrants to the U.S.

When and where

This trip will take place during J-Term of 2021. Workshops and activities will be conducted remotely.

Activities

We will collaborate remotely with the immigration advocacy organization, RAICES as well as potentially some other immigration advocacy organizations. As part of the education component, we will attend 'Learn y Lucha' webinars and workshops followed by group discussions. We are also looking into collaborating with a pro bono lawyer to help conduct

Destini and Megan

BLCKGRLMGC

Description

This trip will provide young women like ourselves a safe and important space to listen and talk through our experiences of being black women at a PWI and beyond.

When and where

This trip will take place in February 2021. Workshops, discussions, and activities will be conducted remotely.

Activities

- listening to episodes
- roundtable/open conversations on a variety of topics (being black in a white space, mental health, colorism, hook up culture, hair, POSSE, educational gap etc.)